

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: RECORDING MATERIAL FOR BACK PRINTING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-4 as follows:

3. (Amended) The recording material for back printing according to claim 1, wherein the ink absorbing layer comprises a hydrophilic resin.

4. (Amended) The recording material for back printing according to claim 1, wherein the ink absorbing layer is crosslinked at least in the region on the ink transmitting layer side.

Please add new claims 5-7 as follows:

--5. The recording material for back printing according to claim 2, wherein the ink absorbing layer comprises a hydrophilic resin.--

--6. The recording material for back printing according to claim 2, wherein the ink absorbing layer is crosslinked at least in the region on the ink transmitting layer side.--

--7. The recording material for back printing according to claim 3, wherein the ink absorbing layer is crosslinked at least in the region on the ink transmitting layer side.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 3 and 4 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 5-7 are added to compensate for subject matter deleted from multiple dependent claims 3 and 4.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attached: APPENDIX

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 5-7 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. ~~(Amended)~~ The recording material for back printing according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ink absorbing layer comprises a hydrophilic resin.

4. ~~(Amended)~~ The recording material for back printing according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 through 3~~, wherein the ink absorbing layer is crosslinked at least in the region on the ink transmitting layer side.